

After months of construction, Ho-Chunk Hotel FINALLY opens the VIP Wing.

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US Indigenous games kicked off its events at the Opening Ceremonies on July 10, 2022. Full coverage and results in Issue 14 on July 29th.

A new era in tribal leadership Newly elected officials take office

John Kozlowski
Staff Writer

An estimated 400 people, including past and current Ho-Chunk Nation elected officials, attended the Nation's Oath of Office Ceremony, held July 6 at Ho-Chunk Gaming-Black River Falls Bingo Hall.

Taking the Oath of Office, as administered by Election Board Chairperson Judy Whitehorse, were President Jon Greendeer, legislators; Susan Weber-Area 1, Andrea Estebo-Area 2, Elena Terry-Area 3, Shelby Visintin-Area 4, Forrest Whiterabbit-Area 5 and Supreme Court Associate Justice, Todd Matha. All are scheduled to serve four-year terms.

Prior to the newly elected officials taking the Oath of Office, outgoing Ho-Chunk Nation Vice President Dan Brown stated that while he is proud of what the Legislature accomplished during his tenure in office, "today begins a new era of tribal leadership. You're in good hands. We're here to celebrate tomorrow," he said.

Noting that it was an honor to serve, Wilfrid Cleveland thanked all those who supported him during his four-years as the Nation's president. He acknowledged the tribal elders, particularly those who in 1963 worked to create and organize the Wisconsin Winnebago government, allowing the tribe to obtain federal recognition. "They went through a lot so we didn't have to," he said. Cleveland concluded that he is confident some of the changes and additions made in government programs during his term will help insure that "future generations will have a better life than we had. We've become more accountable."

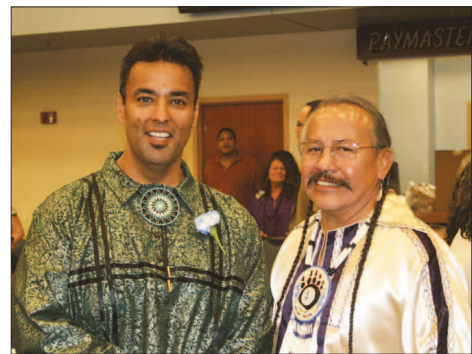
Prior to assuming his duties, President Greendeer acknowledged those who "did a lot to make this day come true." He explained that as he thought about and was asked how he would feel on the day he assumed his new responsibilities, "it feels exactly how you think it would feel and more. To stand here is truly a blessing." Like his predecessor, President Greendeer acknowledged all

those who came before him, particularly his late tega Alvin Cloud, who served the Nation for nearly 40 years, as someone from whom he learned a lot. He also praised President Cleveland and others leaving office.

"As we celebrate a new beginning, it's time to honor those who recently served." Earlier in the ceremony, President Greendeer was presented an eagle feather by Vietnam-era warrior Owen "Haga" Mike and he noted the special gift will always be remembered. Later in the day, he placed a blanket that he received around his grandmother, Mary Edna Greendeer.

The newly elected legislators thanked their supporters and together promised to continue doing the work needed to move the Nation forward. "When we work together, we're the strongest," said Rep. Weber. Rep. Visintin added that she looks forward "providing care for our elders and veterans and providing our children every opportunity."

In attendance were numerous state officials, including Wisconsin State Treasurer Kurt Schuller and representatives of United States Senators Ron Johnson



Incoming Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer (left) with his predecessor, Wilfrid Cleveland.

and Herb Kohl.

Schuller remarked that it was his honor to learn more about the Nation. "It's been a cultural experience." He added that his first impression and what he will remember is "a people that cares about their government and a government that cares about its people."

Serving as the Master of Ceremonies throughout the event was Buffalo Clan member Lance Long. Songs were provided by the Little Thunder, Bear Heart and Iron Mound Singers. Colors were posted by members

and auxiliary members of the Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129 in Black River Falls. A luncheon was provided by the Sandpilot HeadStart Parent Committee.



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Newly elected Ho-Chunk officials surround Master of Ceremonies Lance Long at the Oath of Office Ceremony held July 6. Pictured (left to right): Shelby Visintin, Elena Terry, Andrea Estebo, Susan Weber, Lance Long, Jon Greendeer, Todd Matha and Forrest Whiterabbit.

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Ho-Chunk Nation names new Vice President

Submitted by
Anne Thundercloud – HCN
Public Relations Officer

The Ho-Chunk Nation named District 1 Legislator Greg Blackdeer as its new Vice President on July 7 at the tribal headquarters in Black River Falls.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution mandates that the Legislature select a Vice President from among its members. The vote took place the day after the Nation swore

in a new President, Supreme Court Associate Justice and five new members of the legislature. Blackdeer, 45, of Black River Falls, assumed his new role immediately by resolution.

"I look forward to collaborating with all districts of the Ho-Chunk Nation and our other branches of government," said Blackdeer, "we have a new President who has strong goals and objectives so I'm

looking forward to working collaboratively with them."

The new Vice President also voiced his plans to further relationships outside the Nation.

"I feel like I have very good relationships here in Jackson County, especially with the Black River Falls school district. I'd like to expand upon the valued relationships that we have where our people reside and where we hold businesses," he added.



Greg Blackdeer, District 1 Legislator from Black River Falls, WI.

A Thank You from the Night of Remembrance

Submitted by Louise Voss

On Friday May 27th the Night of Remembrance was held at the Black River Falls Powwow Grounds. An estimated 131 people came out to participate and helped raise money for the Cancer Closet which provides help and support to Tribal Members battling cancer.

Special thanks goes to those groups and individuals who helped this event

be such a success, Denis and Joyce Rockman from Rockman Entertainment for being our DJ and MC and keeping our walkers awake and entertained throughout the night, Maynard Rave Jr. for providing us with drums for our program, Wisconsin Winnebago United Church of Christ for providing us with such a delicious meal, Jackson County Correctional Institute for providing the beautiful



Pettibone family shares a banner in honor of "choka, dad, and tega".



(L-R) Earl and Bernice Blackdeer are presented with a portrait from Crystal Deschinny from Forest County Potawatomi for being speakers at the Share the Care Cancer Conference.

afghans which were given to cancer survivors and their families, and a large thank you to the Native American Tobacco Network and GLITC for awarding us the grant and the means to put this whole thing together.

Crystal Deschinny from Forest County Potawatomi

came down to present Earl and Bernice Blackdeer with a portrait of them from the Share the Care Cancer Conference at which they were both speakers.

A final thank you to all the people who volunteered their time to hand out t-shirts, register people,

sell luminaries, set up the luminaries, serve food, set up equipment, clean up after the event, and everything else in between. Thank You and we look forward to next year.

Letter to the Editor:

Missing Black and Gray HP Elitebook and power cord

On Wednesday July 13th I arrived at the Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Building ready to put in a full day's work. When I went to get my backpack out of my truck I realized it was open and my work laptop was missing along with the power cord.

I have been a Hocak Language Apprentice for approximately two years and have been working hard to learn and preserve our language. For the past year I have been taking notes with the hope of one day making a Thesaurus to accompany our Lexicon to make it easier for Tribal members who want to learn our language, needless to say there is a lot of notes on there.

The laptop was issued to me by the Hocak Language Division, and if not returned I will have to pay the money back. Now, I don't care about the money, what I do care about is all those notes, all that hard work I have been putting into it for the past year and all the projects I've been working on and hoped to complete.

My daughter and I recently moved into Maplewood Apartments, we haven't even been there a month and already things have gone missing. I'm pleased someone has taken an interest in our language but think they gone about it the wrong way.

If you have any information please let me know, if you have my laptop please return it by giving it to someone to give to me or drop it off at any Ho-Chunk Nation Establishment.

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Protect yourself and others from heat related illnesses

Submitted by
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Safety

With the summer season comes longer days and more time spent outside under the sun. As a means of informing the members and employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation on the effects and symptoms of heat related illnesses and what to do to recognize and protect themselves and others from the consequences of non-response, the following tips and information are being provided.

- People suffer heat related illnesses when the body's temperature control system is overloaded. The body normally cools itself by sweating. However, in some conditions, sweating is just not enough. In such cases, a person's body temperature rises rapidly. A very high body temperature may damage the brain or other vital organs.

- When the humidity is high, sweat will not evaporate as quickly, preventing the body from releasing heat. Other conditions that may limit the ability to regulate temperature include old age, youth (ages 0-4), obesity, fever, dehydration, heart disease, mental illness, poor circulation, sunburn and the use of prescription drugs and/or alcohol.

- Heat stroke is the most serious heat related illness. It occurs when the body's temperature rises rapidly, the sweating mechanism fails and the body is unable to cool down. Body temperature may rise to 106 degrees or higher within 10-15 minutes. Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not provided.

- Warning signs of heat stroke include: An extremely high body temperature (above 103 degrees). Red hot and dry skin (no sweating). Symptoms also may include a rapid, strong pulse, throbbing headache, dizziness, nausea, confusion and unconsciousness.

- If you someone with any signs of heat stroke, you may be dealing with a life threatening emergency. Have someone call for immediate medical assistance and begin cooling the victim. Get the victim to shade. Cool the victim rapidly, using whatever methods you can. For example, immerse the victim in a tub of cool water or a cool shower. Other help methods include spray the victim with cool water from a garden hose; sponge with

cool water; if the humidity is low, wrap the victim in a cool wet sheet and fan him/her vigorously. DO NOT give the victim alcohol or caffeine to drink. Get medical assistance as soon as possible. If emergency medical personnel are delayed, call the hospital emergency room for further instructions.

- Heat exhaustion is a milder heat-related illness that can develop after several days of high temperatures and inadequate or unbalanced replacement of fluids. Those most prone to heat exhaustion are the elderly, people with high blood pressure and those working or exercising in a hot environment.

- The warning signs of heat exhaustion are heavy sweating, paleness, muscle cramps, tiredness, weakness, dizziness, nausea or vomiting and fainting. The skin may be cool and moist. The pulse will be fast and weak and breathing will be fast and shallow. If untreated, heat exhaustion may progress to heat stroke. Seek medical attention if symptoms last more than one hour.

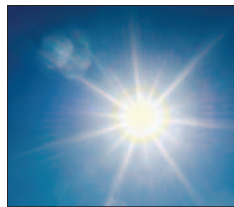
- Steps that can be taken to cool the body during heat exhaustion include: Drinking cool, non-alcoholic or non-caffeinated beverages; taking a cool shower, bath or sponge bath; seeking an air-conditioned environment and wearing light weight clothing.

- Heat cramps are muscle pains or spasms in the abdomen, arms or legs that may occur with strenuous activity, especially in people who sweat a lot during strenuous activity. Sweating depletes the body's salt and moisture and the low salt level in the muscles causes painful cramps. Heat cramps may also be a symptom of heat exhaustion.

- People with heart problems or those on a low sodium diet having heat cramps should seek medical attention. Others should stop all activity; sit quietly in a cool place; drink water, clear juice or a no caffeine beverage and avoid strenuous activity for a few hours after the cramps subside. Further exertion may lead to heat exhaustion or stroke. Seek medical attention for heat cramps if they do not subside in one hour.

- Heat rash is a skin irritation caused by excessive sweating during hot, humid weather. It can occur at any age but is most common in young children. Heat rash looks like a red cluster of pimples or small blisters, most often in the neck, upper chest, groin area, under the breasts and elbow creases.

- The best treatment for heat rash is seeking a cooler, less humid environment and keeping the affected area dry. Dusting powder may be used to increase comfort but avoid using ointments or creams that keep the skin warm and moist and thus may make the condition worse.



- Some medications may increase the risk of a heat related illness. They include psychotropics, which affect psychic function, behavior or experience; medications for Parkinson Disease, because they can inhibit perspiration; and tranquilizers like phenothiazines, butyrophenones and thiozanthenes.

- Electric fans may provide comfort but they will not prevent a heat related illness. Taking a cool shower or bath or moving to an air conditioned place is much more reliable. Exposure to air conditioning for even a few hours a day will reduce the risk for heat related illness.

Try visiting a mall or public library for even a few hours on particularly hot days.

- There are ways people can protect themselves when temperatures are extremely high. Keep cool and use common sense, drink plenty of healthy fluids, replace salt and minerals, wear appropriate clothing and sunscreen, pace yourself, stay cool indoors, schedule outdoor activities carefully, use a buddy system, monitor those at risk, adjust to the environment.

- You will need to drink more liquid than you thirst indicates. Increase your fluid intake, regardless of your activity level. During heavy exercise in a hot environment, drink two to four glasses (16-32 ounces) of cool fluids each hour or about two gallons per work shift. Avoid drinks containing caffeine or alcohol, because they actually cause you to lose more fluid.

- Only take salt tablets if directed by a doctor. Heavy sweating removes salt and minerals from the body but the easiest and safest way to this is through your diet. Drink fruit juice or a no caffeine sports beverage when you exercise or work in the heat.

- The best clothing to wear during hot weather is light weight, light-colored and loose-fitting. A wide-

brimmed hat will provide shade and keep your head cool. If you must go outdoors, apply sunscreen 30 minutes prior to going out and continue to reapply according to package directions. Sunburn affects your body's ability to cool itself and causes a loss of body fluids as well as causing pain and damaging the skin.

- People who work or play in a hot environment should pace themselves. Start slowly and pick up the pace gradually. If your heart pounds and you are gasping for breath, STOP. Get into a cool area, shade and rest, especially if you become lightheaded, confused, weak or faint. Contact a fellow worker, family member or friend for immediate help. If at work, report your condition/concern to your supervisor.

- If emergency medical treatment is required call 911. Give clear directions to the location of the entrance where help is needed and send a trustworthy person to the entrance to guide emergency personnel to the victim.

It is hoped that this information will provide you with a new found ability to protect yourself and others from heat related illnesses. The source for the information was the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

Social Security announces the top ten baby names for 2011

Submitted by Ken Hess
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In case you missed it: Social Security recently announced the top ten baby names for boys and girls in 2010. Topping the lists are Jacob and Isabella.

This is the twelfth year in a row on the list for Jacob and the second for Isabella. We have a new number two for girls; welcome Sophia. The only new name to enter the top ten on either list this year is Aiden, which replaces Joshua on the boys' side.

Learn more at www.socialsecurity.gov/babynames. While you're on the website, check out the relevant information for parents-to-be on Social Security numbers and benefits for children and what every parent should know about Social Security.

You can contact Ken at 4120 Oakwood Hills Parkway, Eau Claire, WI 54701 or at kenneth.hess@ssa.gov

The entire top ten includes:

Boys	Girls
Jacob	Isabella
Ethan	Sophia
Michael	Emma
Jayden	Olivia
William	Ava
Alexander	Emily
Noah	Abigail
Daniel	Madison
Aiden	Chloe
Anthony	Mia

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House of Wellness Clinic celebrates new look

John Kozlowski
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On June 28-29, visitors attending the Ho-Chunk Nation House of Wellness Health Clinic's Re-Grand Opening entered what the Nation's Environmental Health Director Carol Rollins described as a "more patient friendly atmosphere."

Opened in March of 1999, the clinic provides medical, dental, optical and pharmacy services to Ho-Chunk tribal members, Natives from other tribes, the Nation's

employees and their families. As part of the Nation's plan to better serve the patients, planning to renovate parts of the 33,500 square foot clinic began in 2009. Work began in the spring of 2010 and was completed last month. The renovations, done by general contractor Ellis Stone Construction of Stevens Point, covered about 11,200 square feet of the clinic.

In addition to providing a fresher look, Rollins stated the upgrades and new design gives providers more

privacy with their patients and gives more options regarding future growth. Although no additional space was added to the building, she added the renovations; done using \$375,000 in government stimulus funds and approximately \$175,000 in funding from the Indian Health Service, should help increase the efficiency of the entire clinical operation.

The largest physical expansion was to the pharmacy, which nearly tripled in size. While the other departments are limited to providing for only Ho-Chunk tribal members, other Natives and the Nation's employees and their families, Ho-Chunk Nation Director of Pharmacy, Dr. Ted Hall explained that the pharmacy, which added two staff pharmacists last year, is seeking to serve the general public in a competitive market. In fact, Rollins said, the need to increase the size of the pharmacy was a major consideration when considering the renovation.

Ho-Chunk Nation Director



Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland and Dr. Chandra Reddy at the health clinic's Grand Re-Opening celebration.



Part of the health clinic's renovated reception area.

of Medical Services, Kyle Berra added that as part of the renovation the medical clinic will be adding to its staff of two physicians and one physician's assistant. "We're looking to add a nurse practitioner and start a program where we can teleconference with doctors who specialize in certain

fields to work with our providers."

Part of the House of Wellness Health Clinic, the Behavior Health Services provides additional treatment and psychotherapeutic and counseling services.

Normal hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



First Floor



Second Floor

The renovated House of Wellness was designed to offer a more patient friendly atmosphere.



The renovated health clinic is part of the Nation's House of Wellness in Baraboo.

Ho-Chunk Hotel opens VIP Wing

John Kozlowski
Staff Writer

On June 23 Ho-Chunk President Wilfrid Cleveland and the Nation's Vice President, Daniel Brown, cut the ribbon in a ceremony that marked the official opening of Ho-Chunk Hotel's Tier VIP Wing, a section created to accommodate elected officials, dignitaries visiting the area and certain members of the Nation's Rewards Club.

Part of the entire hotel's renovation project, the VIP Wing, located on the fourth floor has 10 suites and a lounge sectioned off by a glass door. It is only accessible with the guests' hotel and room card.

Head Designer of the project, Sharon Devenish of Devenish

Associates, Inc., noted that while the colors in each suite feature an earth tone theme, each suite is slightly different. The result of two previously standard rooms now combined into one suite, Devenish believes that every suite will provide the guest a truly unique experience.

Part of the hotel's effort to earn a five star classification, each suite offers a fireplace, exclusive Ho-Chunk branded Sealy mattresses, high thread count linens, a lighted headboard, a multi-purpose dresser with a pivot out desk, a flat panel HD television, a Jacuzzi tub, a walk-in shower and a mini bar. Each suite includes a separate bedroom with a see through two-sided gas fireplace. The design

allows the guests to enjoy the fireplace from either room.

Six suites offer single king-size beds and four feature two queen-size beds. Along with custom designed beds and linens, the suites will feature herbal bath products, like soaps and shampoos, from Sister Sky, a Native owned company based in Oklahoma.

Prior to the ribbon cutting, Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells Executive Manager, Jones Funmaker, Sr. noted that the VIP Tier is an example of the Nation's continued effort to move forward in customer service. "It shows what we can do and how far we can go," he said.

Vice President Brown added that the Ho-Chunk Nation is known for its hospitality and the renovated hotel and VIP Wing is part of a vision that began when the hotel opened in 2000. The hotel has been recognized by Midwest Gaming & Travel Magazine readers as their favorite among Native American casino/hotels in Wisconsin and Brown believes the renovations will better allow the hotel to compete with other lodging establishments in the area. "I'm proud that we can now compete with the big boys," he concluded.

The first guest in the VIP Tier was Ernie Stevens, Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association. A frequent guest at Ho-Chunk Hotel where he and family stay during the Annual March Madness Basketball Tournament, held at the House of Wellness, Stevens commented that the VIP Wing serves as an example



President Cleveland and Vice President Brown cut the ribbon opening the VIP Tier as others look on.

of what Native tribes can do to make it better for everyone, using gaming dollars to diversify into other businesses. "Someone won't do it for us," he stressed. "We (the tribes) have to make it better." He concluded that VIP Tier is notable because "you can see the culture. It's one of the best places I've stayed."

Hotel Executive Manager Jon Warner noted that he is proud of the VIP Wing and all the renovations done to the entire hotel. He noted that as of June 23 the first three floors will all be online and operational. The rest of the fourth floor is expected to open August 5.



All suites in the VIP Tier were designed to offer a unique experience.

Breaking ground!!

Daycare Center coming to Black River Falls

John Kozlowicz
Staff Writer

Work recently started on the **Children's Learning Village Montessori**, a daycare center located on tribal trust land near the Executive Building in Black River Falls.

Funded by a \$600K Indian Housing Community Block Grant, a \$150K donation from the Ho-Chunk Nation and \$65K from the Ho-Chunk Housing and Development Agency (HHODA), officials believe the daycare will help fill the need for childcare in the Black River Falls community.

Expected to be completed by October 31, the facility was designed by HGM Architecture, an Oshkosh based company that has designed past tribal projects.

The general contractor for the 7,500 square foot building is Decker Lumber & Supply from Athens, WI. HHODA Development and Modernization Director, Neil Whitegull, is optimistic the Daycare will be operational by January 2012.

Although some details are still pending, it is expected that the site will serve approximately 50-60 children, infant age through six-years-old. Services provided will include instruction in the Hocak Language, infant care, sick care and after school care. Applications will be taken on a first come, first serve basis and priority will be given to Native children.

Learning will be based on a Montessori Curriculum that promotes an independent

learning style and allows each child to learn at their own pace. All lead teachers will be Montessori trained and the long-range goal is to have all teachers and board members certified in Montessori.

Earlier it was announced that rooms will be set aside for different groups. The Wisconsin Department of Children and Families: Division of Early Care and Education dictates that according to age group, there are mandated ratios of providers to children and a maximum group size. The Infant Group requires one provider for every four infants and a maximum of eight infants in one group. The three to four-year-old group requires a minimum of one provider for every 10



The proposed Montessori Daycare Center. Drawing provided by Corey Wallace-HGM Architecture.

children and a maximum of 20 children in a group.

An hourly childcare rate has not been set but it is expected the rate will be similar to what other childcare providers in the area charge.

The building is expected to be open from 6:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday -Friday, 12

months a year and will close for all major holidays. An early drop-off service will be offered should the need arise.

Whitegull added the building will be available for community meetings and other events.

Winning the Future for Native American Youth

Submitted by White House Blog, posted by Charlie Galbraith

On Sunday, the White House Office of Public Engagement launched the Native American Youth Challenge program. In a video message, President Obama announced the challenge at the 2011 UNITY Youth Conference, calling for young American Indian and Alaska Native leaders to submit their stories of leadership and service in their communities. The stories submitted will be considered and evaluated based on demonstrated record of service to one's tribe, nation, village, or community. Young leaders who have sought to improve their communities are encouraged to submit stories in one or more of the following areas:

- Education, Mentorship or Afterschool Programs;
- Sports, Nutrition or Let's Move! in Indian Country;
- Substance and Alcohol Abuse Prevention;
- Health and Wellness, including Youth Suicide Prevention;
- Building Healthy Relationships and Peer Relationships;
- Cultural Preservation and Native Languages;
- Anti-Bullying and Personal Empowerment;
- Self Expression through Arts and Crafts;

- Emerging Leadership in Government Service; and
- Economic and Community Development

As a part of the challenge, a handful of exceptional Native youth community leaders will be invited to the White House this fall in conjunction with the activities of Native American heritage month. Submissions should include a description of the leadership initiatives or community programs; the number of people involved or effected; key examples of success; and explanations of the barriers or challenges and how they were overcome. Simply put, we hope to hear from Native American Youth to learn about how you are working to overcome the challenges facing your communities – send us your stories!

One great example of how young people are overcoming the challenges facing Indian Country is by taking part in the First Lady's initiative, Let's Move! in Indian Country. Today, the White House Summer South Lawn Series hosted a lacrosse event for approximately 80 Native American youth from the Menominee Nation, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Native Lifelines of Baltimore, as well as local youth from Annapolis and D.C. The groups played and learned about Lacrosse with some of the best players in the game, while

also learning about the origins of the game and cultural traditions from members of the Onondaga Nation. Let's Move! in Indian Country strives to bring together federal agencies,

communities, nonprofits, corporate partners and tribes to end the epidemic of childhood obesity in Indian Country within a generation.



Lil Skenandore Golf Memorial

When: Sunday, August 7, 2011

Where: Skyline- Black River Falls, WI

Registration: 7:30-8:30am Shotgun Start: 9:00am

Cost: \$55.00

**For Info Call: (608)633-7426 Nicole Skenandore
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Attention Parents!



If your child will need a School or Sports Physical For the 2011-2012 school year, please contact the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center or the House of Wellness to schedule an appointment.

Call now to secure an appointment before school resumes in the fall.

Ho-Chunk Health Care Center (715) 284-9851 or (888) 685-4422
House of Wellness (608) 355-1240 or (888) 552-7889

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Wittenberg – Ann 715-253-3926

Thank you, Stacy A. Byerlay, Hochungra Head Start Family/Community Partnership Coordinator

Dane County celebrates 175 years

Sara L. Peterson
Staff Writer

To mark Dane County's 175th anniversary, Ho-Chunk Nation singers and dancers performed with the Capitol City Band on July 2. Founded in 1969, the band premiered "Dane 175," a seven-minute composition composed by the band's music director Jim Latimer.

"Because we are on Ho-Chunk land, all of this was originally Ho-Chunk land, I decided to set that song," said Latimer, a percussionist and former UW-Madison faculty member who has directed the Capitol City Band Since 1981.

The Wisconsin Dells singers were recommended by Tim Fish of the Choctaw Nation after the Dane County Executive Board approached

him looking for a Native American singing group to play the event. Fish suggested to the board that they talk to a Ho-Chunk tribal member. Elliott Funmaker of Prairie Du Sac was then contacted by Jim Latimer. After their meeting, Latimer began his research. He purchased all of the Wisconsin Dells singers CD's, watched their YouTube videos, and then chose a song made for Bert Funmaker, written by his father Ken Funmaker.

Latimer then composed "Dane 175" and incorporated the singers with his band. During a span of 2 months the Wisconsin Dells singers practiced with the Capitol City Band. "The connection is obviously drums. The Wisconsin Dells Singers start,

and are joined by drums in the second stanza. It picks up there and it builds. There are some themes and counter-themes, and when it all comes together these two groups are performing simultaneously," said Latimer.

Ho-Chunk Nation Veterans Service Officer, Robert Mann, also participated in the opening ceremony and carried in the Ho-Chunk flag with the VFW Post 1318 Color Guard. He was introduced by Ho-Chunk tribal member Elliott Funmaker. The Auxiliary carried in the US Service Flags. Mann stated, "The event went very well, and I was joined by 6 other dancers including: Pete LittleJohn (from WI Dells), Cedric "Honey Bear" (from WI Dells), Art Shegonee (Potoswatomini from Madison), Mary Funmaker (from Prairie Du Sac), Diana Miller (Menominee from Madison), and Destiny Whitecloud (from Prairie Du Sac)."

Elliott Funmaker said, "I was honored by the opportunity to perform at this event, and was surprised at the very large turnout. This was an honor for the Ho-Chunk Nation and all the Indigenous people of Wisconsin. We were met with great enthusiasm from the crowd and many of us had our



Robert Mann presenting the Ho-Chunk flag with the color guard on July 2, 2011 at the Dane County 175th celebration.



Wisconsin Dells singers preparing for their part in the performance.

pictures taken. We also met a diverse range of people from different cultures."

Wisconsin Dells singer Lance Blackdeer said, "From my point of view, it was nice to be incorporated into the Celebration. The people attending were very outgoing and verbally positive. People were coming up to me and

asking for pictures with me. It was humbling and reaffirming that I should be thankful to be who I am, and what I have. It's not that I'm Lance Blackdeer, that means nothing; It's that I'm Ho-Chunk that means everything."

Mitchell Redcloud Jr. Day Traditional Pow Wow

Submitted by
Hocak Worak Staff

The annual Fourth of July Traditional Pow Wow took place at the Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Pow Wow Grounds as members of the Ho-Chunk Nation celebrated Corporal Mitchell Redcloud Day. A Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient, Redcloud served in the Army during the Korean War, as well as in the Marine Corp. during World War II.

During the one session traditional pow wow, Lance

Long emceed the day's events as Owen "Haga" Mike delivered a powerful speech to those in attendance. His words reminded many of the importance of the Ho-Chunk language and culture. "Without our language we are no different than anyone else. We will essentially be lost without our language," he said.

Unlike a few days before with temperatures ranging in the high 90's and a lot of humidity making the heat index between 105-115 degrees, there was a slight

breeze for the young and the old to enjoy intertribal dancing and different honor songs for those such as Owen Mike and Traditional Chief Clayton Winneshiek.

Those that gave their lives in battle are figures that our children listen to stories about and can learn honor, dignity and the importance of having a connection to their own community. A special thank you to the Redcloud Family and the Winneshiek Family for sponsoring the pow wow and offering a meal.



Head dancers, Hilary Green and Fletcher Collins.



Thundercloud singers patiently wait to sing another good song.



Raymond Thundercloud enjoys a day of good singing and dancing and gets out to shake a leg himself.



Women dancers celebrating Corporal Mitchell Redcloud Jr. Day.

12th annual canoe trip

Tracy Pecore
Newsletter Editor

On June 24, the Fitness Initiative Committee of the Ho-Chunk Division of Health sponsored the 12th annual canoe trip for Ho-Chunk tribal members. Family and friends from Wittenberg, Black River Falls, WI Rapids, and other areas met at Jordan Park in Stevens Point to enjoy a day in the sun canoeing, kayaking and relaxing on the Plover River.

After registering, all of the estimated 55 participants were given a healthy snack bag including an apple, water, and granola bar. Once registration was complete, the fun was about to begin. Kathleen Clemons, HCN Exercise Physiologist introduced the staff (Chris Frederick, Kathy Braaten, Pam Reimer, Rachel Montana and Kelly Engen) in case of emergency and gave some facts on diabetes and heat.

Heat can damage diabetes medications and equipment. Glucose monitors, strips and insulin pumps may begin to lose effectiveness at temperatures above 104 F and insulin glulisine should be kept below 77 F. "It is best not to leave diabetes medicines or devices in a parked car or in direct sunlight on a hot summer's day," said Clemons.

This year's event was a little different compared to past trips. Instead of canoeing the four mile river route, everyone stayed within an open lake section of the river and approximately 30 canoes and kayaks were available with life vests for all ages. "We usually go down the river but it wasn't cleaned up enough to get through this year," said Chris Frederick, HCN Exercise Physiologist.

Everyone was encouraged to try both canoes and kayaks, and just as everyone got in the water and started paddling; they were greeted by an eagle that flew overhead. Although the trip was not along a river route and for most of the way the water was calm, one portion of the river had a big enough rapids to tackle for all those that like a challenge. Good thing everyone wore life vests because one kayaker and two passengers decided to go swimming for a moment.

If you haven't canoed or kayaked before then you don't know what you're missing until you try it. Everyone had a good time and for some, muscles not used in a long time may have been aching the next day.



This poor little guy lost his cool shades and fishing pole after hitting the rapids that flipped their kayak. Good thing he knows how to swim!



Kathleen Clemons talks a little bit about diabetes before hitting the Plover River.



Kathleen Clemons helped assist individuals into their canoe or kayak to avoid falling in.



Georgianne "Siga" Funmaker and her co-pilot found the "Loch Ness Monster".

Baraboo County board meets with Ho-Chunk Nation

Sara L. Peterson
Staff Writer

Discussions have been ongoing with the Ho-Chunk Nation and City of Baraboo regarding future plans to purchase 600 acres in Sauk County. Representative Dan Brown met with the Sauk County Board members on June 21 to discuss the land purchase.

The land in question is near Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells, and would be used to build a Ho-Chunk cultural center, IMAX Theater and strip mall to augment the entertainment value of their hub interest, the Ho-Chunk Casino. However, future plans could include an educational research center and some type of light industry.

Dan Brown said the Ho-Chunk Nation does not have any reservations in Wisconsin. Putting property into trust with the federal government is, "the only way to be masters of our own destiny and exercise our sovereignty," he said.

The city shares the common complaint that in losing taxable land that brings in \$700,000 annually in taxes would be devastating to the school district, the township of Delton and local governments.

"The Ho-Chunk Nation is willing to work on a compromise with local governments that would satisfy their concerns about loss of tax revenue, whether that would be a PILT agreement (payment in lieu of taxes), or if it's a tax revenue sharing."

During discussion, Alderman Tom Kolb commented the Ho-Chunk should have begun discussions with local governments before filing an

application for trust status with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Brown agreed the Nation has not done as well with communicating with their neighbors as they should have.

Mayor Patrick Liston noted the city is the managing partner at the Baraboo-Wisconsin Dells Municipal Airport and wants to avoid any development on Ho-Chunk-owned properties that would interfere with traffic in and out jeopardizing safe airport operations.

Alderman Gene Robkin commented the airport is lengthening its runways to 5,000 feet, allowing the operation of small corporate jets. "Jet travel could, in turn, attract a higher class of customers to the casino and work in the Nation's advantage," he said, and Brown agrees, "That has to be part of the discussion."

In the end, council members voted unanimously to stand with the county's opposition to trust status



Dan Brown representing the Ho-Chunk Nation at the June 21st meeting with the Sauk County Board.

while preserving the option for dialog among all parties. After the vote, Brown said he felt optimistic about the decision and what is possible in the future. "I'm real happy with what happened today," he said.

With the new administration coming into office it is already publically known that

Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer has plans on continuing this undertaking. He would also like to improve the communication with the local governments and improve public relations.

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**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING –
EXECUTIVE OFFICES –
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
June 7 & 8, 2011
10:00 A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Wilfrid Cleveland at 10:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL: President Wilfrid Cleveland(P) Vice President Daniel Brown(P)

Rep. Greg Blackdeer(P)
Rep. Douglas Greengrass(P)
Rep. Clarence Pettibone(P)
Rep. Roberta Decorah(P)
Rep. James Greendeer(P)
Rep. John Holst(P)
Rep. Hope Smith(P)

Rep. Lawrence Walker Jr.(P)
Rep. Greg Littlejohn(P)
Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit(P)

Rep. Patrick Red Eagle(P)
Rep. Robert TwoBears (10:44 a.m.)

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: Quorum was established

OPENING PRAYER: The opening prayer was offered by President Wilfrid Cleveland.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to approve the agenda with the additions of Unfinished Business 3. Indigenous Games update, New Business 14. Supreme Court Judge Resolution, Executive Session after Presentations, and recess at 2:00 p.m. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Legislative Meeting - May 17, 2011

MOTION by V.P. Dan Brown to approve the Legislative meeting minutes of May 17, 2011 with corrections. Second by Rep. John Holst. 9-0-3(Reps. Littlejohn, Blackdeer, & Greengrass) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Special Legislative Meeting – May 18, 2011

MOTION by V.P. Dan Brown to approve the Special Legislative meeting minutes of May 18, 2011 as presented. Second by Rep. John Holst. 10-0-2(Reps. Blackdeer & Smith) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Special Legislative Meeting – May 24, 2011

MOTION by V.P. Dan Brown to approve the Special Legislative meeting minutes of May 24, 2011 as presented. Second by Rep. John Holst. 10-0-1(Rep. Decorah) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Clarence Pettibone was out of the room.

Rep. Robert TwoBears arrives at 10:44 a.m.

Agenda Amendment

MOTION by V.P. Dan Brown to address the presentation regarding Ferrous Metallic Mining next on the agenda. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

PRESSENTATION
Ferrous Metallic Mining-Chairman Wiggins

The Bad River Chippewa reservation is located adjacent to the proposed mining site, and is subject to air and water impacts of the proposed mining activity. The watershed draining the proposed mining area flows through the reservation into Lake Superior. They are asking for assistance with writing letters of support to increase the awareness efforts and reaching out to other tribes.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS
Development Committee – May 19, 2011

MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to approve the Development Committee

meeting minutes of May 19, 2011 with corrections. Second by V.P. Dan Brown. 9-0-3(Reps. Blackdeer, Littlejohn, LoneTree-Whiterabbit)

MOTION CARRIED. *Rep. Clarence Pettibone was out of the room.*

Finance Committee – May 25, 2011

MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to approve the Finance Committee meeting minutes of May 25, 2011 with corrections. Second by Rep. John Holst. 6-4(Reps. Blackdeer, TwoBears, Walker, Jr. & V.P. Brown)-1(Rep. Decorah) **MOTION CARRIED.** *Reps. Holst & Littlejohn were out of the room.*

Memorial Relief Fund

MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to refer the Memorial Relief fund policy to the Administration Committee as the policy needs to be updated. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Baraboo Stars

MOTION by V.P. Dan Brown to approve \$2,285.20 from the youth assistance fund for the Baraboo Stars Soccer team. Second by Rep.

Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 9-1(Rep. Decorah)-3(Reps. TwoBears, Greendeer, Greengrass) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Special Finance Committee – June 1, 2011

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to approve the Special Finance Committee meeting minutes of June 1, 2011 with corrections. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 10-0-3(Reps. LoneTree-Whiterabbit & RedEagle, V.P. Brown) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Session

MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *The meeting goes into executive session at 1:05 p.m.*

Rep. Doug Greengrass leaves at 1:14 p.m.

Open Session

MOTION by V.P. Dan Brown to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *The meeting returns to open session at 1:51 p.m.*

Ratification of Executive Session

MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to ratify all actions taken in executive session. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Agenda Addition

MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. to add East Sand Pillow Lot 21 to the agenda. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Agenda Amendment

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to amend the agenda to address the Team Wisconsin Ho-Chunk Funding Request next. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Team Wisconsin Ho-Chunk Funding Request

MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to approve \$21,009.26 for the Team Wisconsin Indigenous Games, part of the funds are to be allocated from Youth Assistance line item and part of the funds allocated from the Charitable Contributions line items. Second by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-1(Rep. Walker, Jr) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Recess

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to recess the meeting until June 8, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. Second by Rep.

Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *The meeting recesses at 2:05 p.m.*

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING –
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
June 7 & 8, 2011
9:00 A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called back to order by President Wilfrid Cleveland at 9:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL: President Wilfrid Cleveland(P) Vice President Daniel Brown(P)

Rep. Greg Blackdeer(P)
Rep. Douglas Greengrass(P)
Rep. Clarence Pettibone(P)
Rep. Roberta Decorah(P)
Rep. James Greendeer (12:00 p.m.)

Rep. John Holst(EX)
Rep. Hope Smith(P)
Rep. Lawrence Walker Jr.(P)

Rep. Greg Littlejohn (9:23 a.m.)

Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit(P)
Rep. Patrick Red Eagle(P)
Rep. Robert TwoBears(P)

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: Quorum was established

OPENING PRAYER: The opening prayer was offered by Rep. Roberta Decorah.

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to continue on with the Indigenous Games update on the agenda. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve the agenda with the additions of the New Business 16. Great Lakes intertribal resolution, 17. Support letter, 18. Consultation Indian Health and striking the traditional court van. Second by Greg Blackdeer. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Indigenous Games

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to approve the Team Wisconsin Fund Request for the Indigenous games on an emergency basis. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Greg Littlejohn arrives at 9:23 a.m.

Veteran's Homeownership

MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to table the Veteran's Homeownership due to lack for representation. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution – Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Authorizing Land Lease on Indian Heights Lot #43 to Justin I Decorah and Tina Decorah

MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 6-08-11 A - Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Authorizing Land Lease on Indian Heights Lot #43 to Justin I Decorah and Tina Decorah. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Agenda Amendment
MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to move item #15 next on the agenda. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution – East Sand Pillow Lot #21
MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 6-08-11 B – Land Lease East Sand Pillow Lot #21. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Roberta Decorah was out of the room.

Resolution – Law Enforcement Center Project Grant Proposal to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Indian Community Development Block Grant

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 06-08-11 C - Law Enforcement Center Project Grant Proposal to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Indian Community Development Block Grant. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 5-0-5(Reps. Littlejohn, Blackdeer, Smith, LoneTree-Whiterabbit and V.P. Brown) **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Roberta Decorah was out of the room.*

Resolution – Law Enforcement Center Project Grant Proposal Certification that the Nation has met the ICDBG Citizen Participation Requirement

MOTION by V.P. Dan Brown to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 06-8-11 D - Law Enforcement Center Project Grant Proposal Certification that the Nation has met the ICDBG Citizen Participation Requirement. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 8-0-2(Reps. Smith and LoneTree-Whiterabbit) **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Roberta Decorah was out of the room.*

Resolution – Quick Passage to the ERA

MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution – Quick Passage to the ERA. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn, motion amended to table for corrections, second concurs. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Walker, Jr. was out of the room.*

Resolution – Authorization for Application Circles of Care Grant Application to Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to table the Authorization for Application Circles of Care Grant Application to Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Walker, Jr. was out of the room.*

Resolution – Re-ApPOINTment of Lydia Twinn as Gaming Commissioner

MOTION by V.P. Dan Brown to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 06-08-11 E Re-Appointment of Lydia Twinn as Gaming Commissioner. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 7-1(Rep. Smith)-2(Reps. Decorah and LoneTree-Whiterabbit) **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. was out of the room.*

Resolution – Authorization for Application Circles of Care Grant Application to Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 06-08-11 F Authorization for Application Circles of Care Grant Application to Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 9-1(Rep. Walker, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Minnesota Indian Primary Residential Treatment Center Pow-Wow Request
MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to refer the Minnesota Indian Primary Residential Treatment Center

Pow-Wow Request to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Roberta Decorah was out of the room.*

DISTRICT CONCERNS:

District 1: No Requests were submitted

District 2: No Requests were submitted

District 3: MOTION

by Rep. Hope Smith to approve \$31,000.00 from the Charitable Contributions line item payable to vendor for District 3 YMCA passes. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. There is currently no money in the Charitable Contributions line item, Motion amended to allocate from next fiscal year. Second concurs. 7-2(Rep. Blackdeer, V.P. Dan Brown)-2(Reps. Decorah & TwoBears) **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 4: No Requests were submitted

District 5: No Requests were submitted

District 2: MOTION by Rep. Roberta Decorah to address the District 2 concern in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Conference Approvals
Indian Reservation Roads Program Coordinating Committee, June 28-30, 2011 –St. Paul, MN No approval needed

Travel Reports

IMGL Gaming Conference – Mike Murphy

Resolution – Title VII Service Agreement

MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution – Title VII Service Agreement. Second by V.P. Dan. V.P. Brown withdraws his second, Rep. Pettibone withdraws his motion.

Rep. James Greendeer arrives at 12:00 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to table the Title VII Service Agreement. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 11-0-1(Rep. Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to recess for lunch. Motion withdrawn

Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center Cooperative Agreement

MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 06-08-11 G - Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center Cooperative Agreement. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Recess for Lunch

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to recess for lunch. Second by V.P. Dan Brown. 10-1(Rep. Walker, Jr)-1(Rep. Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting recesses for lunch at 12:12 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called back to order by President Wilfrid Cleveland at 1:27 p.m.

ROLL CALL: President Wilfrid Cleveland(P) Vice President Daniel Brown(P)

Rep. Greg Blackdeer(P)

Rep. Douglas Greengrass(P)

Rep. Clarence Pettibone(P)

Rep. Roberta Decorah(P)

Rep. James Greendeer(P)

Rep. John Holst(EX)

Rep. Hope Smith(1:34 p.m.)

Rep. Lawrence Walker Jr. (1:33 a.m.)

Rep. Greg Littlejohn(1:30p.m.)

Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit(P)

Rep. Patrick Red Eagle(P)

Rep. Robert TwoBears(P)

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: Quorum was established

Rep. Greg Littlejohn arrives at 1:30 p.m.

Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., arrives at 1:33 p.m.

Resolution – Title VII Services Agreement

MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 06-08-11 H – Title VII Services Agreement. Second by V.P. Dan Brown. 7-0-4 (Reps. Walker, Jr., Littlejohn, Greendeer, & LoneTree-Whiterabbit) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Smith arrives at 1:34 p.m.

Resolution – Appointment of Justice Pro Tempore for Supreme Court Case SU11-02

MOTION by V.P. Dan Brown to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 06-08-11 I - Appointment of Justice Pro Tempore for Supreme Court Case SU11-02. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 8-0-4 (Reps. Smith, Greendeer, Littlejohn, & LoneTree-Whiterabbit) **MOTION CARRIED.**

8 a Native Program Change **MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to send a strongly worded letter on the Nation's official position to the Congressional and Senate officials regarding the Nation's opposition to the 8a Native Program changes. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consultation **MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears that approval is not needed for consultation meetings in or out of the state of Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution – Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Employment Relations Act **MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 06-08-11 J Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Employment Relations Act with corrections. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 7-0-3 (Reps. Walker, Jr. Blackdeer & V.P. Brown) **MOTION CARRIED.** Reps. Decorah and Greengrass were out of the room.

Executive Session **MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to go into Executive Session. Second by V.P. Dan Brown. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Reps. Greengrass & Decorah were out of the room. The meeting goes into Executive Session at 2:25 p.m.

Rep. James Greendeer was excused at 5:21 p.m.

Open Session **MOTION** by VP Dan Brown to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. TwoBears. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** **MOTION** by VP Dan Brown to ratify actions taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. TwoBears. 8-1 (Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment: **MOTION** by VP Dan Brown to adjourn the meeting until June 21, 2011 the meeting is to be held at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, WI. Second by Rep. Decorah. 9-0-0. **MOTION CARRIED.** Meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Hope B. Smith
Tribal Secretary

Darcy Funmaker
Recording Secretary

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE REGULAR MEETING HCG-DE JOPE – MADISON, WI June 21, 2011 10:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by V.P. Dan Brown at 10:06 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

President Wilfrid Cleveland (10:07)
Vice President Daniel Brown(P)
Rep. Greg Blackdeer(P)
Rep. Douglas Greengrass(P)
Rep. Clarence Pettibone (admin)
Rep. Roberta Decorah(P)
Rep. James Greendeer(P)
Rep. John Holst(EX)
Rep. Hope Smith(10:15 a.m.)
Rep. Lawrence Walker Jr. (10:07 a.m.)
Rep. Greg Littlejohn(P)
Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit(P)
Rep. Patrick Red Eagle(P)
Rep. Robert TwoBears(P)
DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: Quorum was established.

OPENING PRAYER: The opening prayer was offered by Rep. Roberta Decorah.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to approve the agenda with the additions of item #13 New Business – General Council Agency. Second by Rep. Patrick RedEagle. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. arrives at 10:07 a.m.
Rep. Hope Smith arrives at 10:15 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Legislative Meeting- June 7 & 8, 2011

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to approve the Legislative meeting minutes of June 7 & 8, 2011 with corrections. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Emergency Special Legislative Meeting – June 17, 2011

MOTION by V.P. Dan Brown to approve the Emergency Special Legislative meeting minutes of June 17, 2011 with corrections. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 9-0-2 (Reps. Blackdeer & LoneTree-Whiterabbit) **MOTION CARRIED.**

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration Meeting – June 9, 2011

MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to approve the Administration meeting minutes of June 9, 2011 with corrections. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 10-0-1 (V.P. Brown) **MOTION CARRIED.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Property & Casualty Renewal and Update **MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to table the Property & Casualty renewal and update. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 11-1 (Rep. TwoBears)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Agenda Amendment **MOTION** by Rep. Roberta Decorah to amend the agenda to address item # 5 next on the agenda. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** **Resolution – Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Social Services Application for Aging and Disabilities Resource Specialists** **MOTION** by Rep. Roberta Decorah to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 06-21-11 A - Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Social Services Application for Aging

and Disabilities Resource Specialists with addition of the certification. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 10-0-1 (Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution – Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Tribal Employee Rights Ordinance (TERO) by Rescinding Certain Exception to the Application of the 2% Tero Fee

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adopt Ho-Chunk Legislative Resolution 06-21-11 B - Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Tribal Employee Rights Ordinance (TERO) by Rescinding Certain Exception to the Application of the 2% TERO Fee. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 10-0-1 (Rep. James Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution – Approval for Designation of a Capital Project, HCG-Wisconsin Dells, Fire Alarm/Compactor **MOTION** by V.P. Dan Brown to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 06-21-11 C - Approval for Designation of a Capital Project, HCG-Wisconsin Dells, Fire Alarm/Compactor. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution – Approval for Designation of a Capital Project, HCG- Wisconsin Dells, Visual One **MOTION** by V.P. Dan Brown to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 06-21-11 D – Approval for Designation of a Capital Project, HCG- Wisconsin Dells, Visual One. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution – Authorization for Application Center for Disease Control Community Transformation Implementation Grant **MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to table the Authorization for Application Center for Disease Control Community Transformation Implementation Grant. Second V.P. Dan Brown. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution – Rescinding the O'Connor Property **MOTION** by Rep. James Greendeer to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 06-21-11 E Rescinding the O'Connor Property. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 10-0-1 (Rep. Smith) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution - Establishment Act - Trust and Investment Committee Establishment and Organization Act of 2011

MOTION by V.P. Dan Brown to adopt the Quick Passage to the Establishment Act – Trust and Investment Committee Establishment and Organization Act of 2011. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 6-5 (Reps. LoneTree-Whiterabbit, Smith, Walker, Jr., Greengrass and Littlejohn)-0 **MOTION DEFEATED.** Note 2/3 vote is needed to adopt quick passage.

MOTION by Rep. Hope Smith to put the Establishment Act – Trust and Investment Committee Establishment and Organization Act of 2011 for forty five (45) day review. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 8-2 (Rep. Decorah & V.P. Brown)-1 (Rep. Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Education Department Policies – Nyree Kedrowski, Angela Ward Forty Five (45) public comment period for the Pre K-12 and Higher Education policy guidelines has ended, the Education Department

received twenty one (21) comments for the Pre K-12 and five (5) comments for the Higher Education guidelines. In accordance with the policy it is the responsibility of the Education Department within the Executive Branch for any program policy changes. Rep. Walker, Jr. is excused at 12:04 p.m.

Traditional Court Van **MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to authorize the Legislative Counsel and Office of the President and for the Transportation Director negotiate the paperwork for transition of the old Traditional Court Van to the Mitchell Redcloud, Jr. Detachment #1363 to the Marine Corps League. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 9-0-1 (Rep. TwoBears) **MOTION CARRIED.**

District Concerns:

District 1: Tabled

District 2: No Requests were submitted

District 3: No Requests were submitted

District 4: **MOTION** by V.P. Dan Brown to refer the District 4 request to the Finance Committee. Motion withdrawn due to not having the Milwaukee meeting minutes. **District 5: MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to deny and refer the request for Stacy Whitecloud's daughter to the Children's Trust Fund. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chicago Area meeting minute sign in sheet was not included

Conference Approvals **MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to deny all conference approvals. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

General Council Agency General Council Agency is requesting review of the past General Council Resolutions from present to 2003, the GCA is also requesting to be put on the Legislative Agenda when the new officials are sworn in, the Legislative Office is needed to research the past resolutions.

Constitutional Reform has been moved under the GCA, before any action can take place a resolution stating GCA has jurisdiction will need to be adopted. Attorney Swimmer stated that GCA doesn't have authority over Constitutional Reform, the GCA only administers the budget.

Property & Casualty Renewal and Update ~ John Link

MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to refer the Cottingham and Butler to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. Patrick RedEagle. 5-3 (Reps. Blackdeer & Decorah, VP Brown)-2 (Reps. Smith & TwoBears) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by V.P. Dan Brown that the Legislative staff research the past Legislative minutes regarding the Property & Casualty renewal and find the original intent for circumventing this situation from happening again and have this information available for the next Finance meeting. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Agenda Amendment **MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to amend the agenda to address the District 5 Chicago meeting minutes. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 5: MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to refer the District 5 Chicago meeting minute motion to approve Kent Kirkwood, Mike

Mullen, JoAnn Maney and Matt Mullen to the Southland Board to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Patrick RedEagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** **MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to refer the District 5 Chicago meeting minute motion to have Wendy purchase a coffee marker for the local area office to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Patrick RedEagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to refer the District 5 Chicago meeting minute motion to request \$200.00 from the Nation so that rug and chairs in local office be cleaned to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Patrick RedEagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** **MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to approve an emergency basis funding for Angie Decorah in the amount of \$900.00 to contribute to her 90th birthday party from the Elder Assistance line item. Second by Patrick RedEagle. 9-0-1 (Rep. Blackdeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Session **MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting goes into Executive Session at 1:25 p.m.

Rep. Hope Smith is excused at 2:13 p.m.

Rep. Roberta Decorah is excused at 2:28 p.m.

Rep. James Greendeer leaves at 3:05 p.m.

Open Session **MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to return to Open Session. Second by V.P. Dan Brown. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting returns to Open Session at 4:15 p.m.

Ratification of Executive Session

MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to ratify all actions taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution- Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative

Resolution Quick Passage to Amend the Employee Relations Act Regarding Appointed Employees **MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution Quick Passage to Amend the Employee Relations Act Regarding Appointed Employees. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. Motion withdrawn

MOTION by V.P. Dan Brown to table the Resolution - Quick Passage to amend the Employee Relations Act regarding Appointed Employees. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 6-0-1 (Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit) **MOTION CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to adjourn the meeting until July 5, 2011, the meeting is to be held at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, WI. Second by V.P. Dan Brown. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Hope B. Smith
Tribal Secretary

Darcy Funmaker
Recording Secretary

12 and under Ho-Chunk Bulldogs tops in Jackson County Little League

Submitted by Zach Thundercloud

On June 24-26, the Ho-Chunk Bulldogs 12 and under baseball team competed in their annual league tournament in Alma Center, Wi. All 14 teams participated with games starting on Friday night. That's when the Bulldogs, or 'Dawgs' as they are known around the Black River area, began their play under the lights Friday, coming back from 0-1 in the 5th inning to win 3-1, beating host Alma Center.

The next morning the Bulldogs opened up against Ettrick (Red) beating them 15-2 moving them on to the semi-final game on Sunday against a strong Twins team, a team that beat them earlier in the year.

Once again Ho-Chunk found themselves behind and in a 0-6 hole versus the Twins after the first three innings, but the fourth inning the tide changed. Beginning with an in the park home run and five run rally they closed the gap 5-6. The Twins soon added two more insurance runs to make the score 5-8 going into the final inning. The Bulldogs needed three runs to tie but got five to finish the ball game with a 10-8 victory to close out a very exciting game.

The Bulldogs were to face Ettrick (White) in the Championship game. Ettrick came from the bottom bracket beating teams the "dawgs" lost to in the beginning of the year. Eager to face those teams again and beat them, the "dawgs" were ready for a fight.

And that it was. Ettrick came out and scored two runs in the first three innings with the Bulldogs stuck on zero. But the next inning the "dawgs" busted out in comeback fashion to put up three runs in the fourth. From then on it became a pitching duel until the end. The pressure was on since the Bulldogs were the visiting team so Ettrick would bat last. Behind some excellent pitching and awesome defense the Bulldogs shut Ettrick down to win the League Championship in a field of 14 teams, four from Black River Falls, two from Ettrick, two from Osseo, Taylor, Melrose, Mindoro, Hixton and Alma Center.

The Ho-Chunk Bulldogs would like to thank their sponsors, the Ho-Chunk Nation, for providing them with equipment to keep them competitive, and the nice uniforms so that they can feel proud of what they are a part of, and most importantly, have something they can keep to remember their season.

The crowds kept getting bigger and bigger at the tournament as they kept winning. It was a very good experience. Special thanks to the parents and coaches who do the little extra to make the season fun and enjoyable.

The Ho-Chunk Bulldogs are coached by Zack Thundercloud, Lael Hall, Damion Whitegull, and Keegan Huling.



Front row: (l-r) Damion Whitegull Jr., Robert Rave, Brandon Nicholas, Lael Hall Jr.
Middle row: (l-r) Jeriah Rave Jr., Dashai Yellowcloud, Isaac Lowe, Vinny Blackdeer, Ethan Terry
Back row: (l-r) Coach Lael Hall, Coach Zack Thundercloud, Coach Damion Whitegull, Donnie Olson, Coach Keegan Huling

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Ho-Chunk Gaming Tomah celebrates 7 year Anniversary

Submitted by Michelle Ramberg
Senior Manager-Public Relations

On Tuesday, June 28, 2011, in celebration of Ho-Chunk Gaming Tomah's 7th Year Anniversary, over 150 guests were greeted with gifts and cake as they entered the smallest of all Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin locations.

Established in 2004, Ho-Chunk Gaming Tomah became the first of two ancillary sites now to operate under the Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin name. Small in size, this quaint location houses only 100 slots, but according to Rhonda Anderson, Marketing Director for both Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls and Tomah, "A lot has been learned about our guests in the last 7 years and for most of our guests Tomah's size is exactly what attracts them to the facility. It sets us apart from the others. The friendly

at-home ambience that we can offer because of our size no doubt over compensates for any limitation that it may cause. Tomah definitely offers the one-on-one customer interaction that so many people crave these days."

Located just three miles out of Tomah on Hwy 21, Ho-Chunk Gaming Tomah is connected to the Whitetail Crossing Convenience Store. Together with over 30 staff members, they offer Tomah area residents and visitors both convenience and entertainment under one roof seven days a week.



Angie Melbye, Marketing Assistant at Ho-Chunk Gaming Tomah helped out at the Anniversary celebration and credited the last 7 years to their support. "We are so grateful to this community. The opportunity to say Thank You in person to those that joined us made our day."

Wisconsin passes concealed carry

Commentary by
John Kozlowski
Staff Writer

On July 8, Governor Scott Walker signed legislation that will allow Wisconsin citizens at least 21 years old to carry guns. Passed by the Wisconsin State Assembly by a vote of 68-21 and the State Senate by a vote of 25-8, the new law makes Wisconsin the 49th state to allow concealed carry and leaves Illinois as the only holdout.

Under the bill the State Department of Justice would have to issue permits to state residents 21 and over who received training and cleared background checks. Permits will cost no more than \$50 and will be good for five years. People from other states that have permits will be allowed to carry in Wisconsin.

Guns will be banned from

law enforcement offices, prisons, jails, secure mental health institutions and areas of airports beyond certain checkpoints. Permit holders could carry guns in taverns and other places that sell alcohol, provided they were not drinking.

The bill bans carrying in schools, on school grounds and in school zones.

Private businesses and churches want to keep guns out of their buildings can post a sign requiring visitors to turn in their piece.

While supporters of the bill, like Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, claim the right of citizens to protect themselves is long overdue, opponents of the legislation, like this writer, fear that simply having more guns on the street will lead to more very unnecessary violence and deaths.

I want to make it clear that I have no problem with hunters or anyone else who feels they need a weapon in their house to protect themselves or their family. I believe that the vast majority of the citizens who will be carrying are law abiding people who will be responsible gun holders. My fear comes simply from my belief that because these law abiding, responsible citizens are people and people make mistakes, innocent people will be hurt and lives will be lost.

By definition, concealed means something is hidden or kept from observation. While the law prohibits concealed carry in certain places, because by definition the gun is hidden and cannot be seen, how will anyone know if a person visiting a school is carrying? For that matter, while the law says it's OK for a person to carry in a

tavern as long as they're not drinking, if and when a person starts drinking, who knows if they're carrying. After all the weapon is concealed. Because people do make mistakes, I'm waiting to read a story about what would have been a fistfight turns into a shooting.

Supporters of concealed carry neglect the fact that responsible citizens make mistakes. Guns will be lost and stolen. Tempers will flare. Cops who stop a driver at 2:30 in the morning will have to wonder if the person is armed. Again, because it's concealed, who knows?

I recently read where a supporter of the bill argued that now a young, attractive woman will be able to jog in secluded places without the fear of being attacked? Really? Although I've never been mugged or attacked, I

imagine that most of the time the attack is a surprise that gives the person attacked little time to respond. In the case of the attractive jogger, because she is surprised and unless she is trained in self defense, she will likely be overpowered by her attacker and unable to get to her gun. The concealed weapon in all likelihood won't help her. Worse yet, the bad guy is probably going to get her gun.

Again, let me state my greatest fear is that responsible citizens make mistakes in judgment. In my opinion having more guns on the street can lead to nothing but trouble.

Now that Wisconsin has become part of the Wild West like 48 other states, I hope Illinois remains a symbol of sanity.

Intensive supervision program for repeat drunken drivers saves jail days

Eleven counties have intensive supervision programs for repeat OWI offenders

Submitted by WI Dept. of Transportation

To break the cycle of repeat drunken driving through effective counseling, treatment and monitoring, pretrial intensive supervision programs (ISPs) operating in 11 Wisconsin counties have saved tens of thousands of jail days, according to an evaluation provided recently to the Legislature by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT).

With a combination of state and local funding, pretrial intensive supervision programs get repeat drunken drivers into treatment as soon as possible after an operating while intoxicated (OWI) arrest and before conviction.

Studies have shown that the effectiveness of alcohol intervention programs increases as the time between the arrest and intervention efforts decreases.

To change the behavior of repeat OWI offenders, collaborative efforts among district attorneys, defense attorneys, judges, and law enforcement officials have designed pretrial intensive supervision programs that meet the needs and conditions of their county.

The WisDOT annual evaluation of the counties' program activities in 2010 included the following results:

In 2010, 80 percent of the 3,813 drunk drivers participating in intensive

supervision programs successfully completed their program, which typically includes: treatment for alcohol dependency or addiction, monitoring for sobriety, a Driver Safety Plan component and compliance with court appearances and payment of fines.

From October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010 (federal fiscal year 2010), counties with intensive supervision programs that reported totals saved 74,440 jail days. (Total jail days saved does not include information from all counties in the program).

Wisconsin's first pretrial intensive supervision program for repeat drunken drivers

began in 1993 in Milwaukee County. Other counties that have implemented programs since the program began include: Kenosha and Marathon (1998); Waukesha (1999); Racine (2000); Portage and Sheboygan (2002); Price and Sawyer (2008); and Iowa and Washburn (2009).

"The pretrial intoxicated driver intervention program continues to enjoy support from the Milwaukee County Court judges, who cite the program as one of the most important resources the courts have for dealing with repeat OWI offenders," said Milwaukee County Chief Judge Jeffrey Kremers. "The court appreciates that

pretrial supervision of clients results in better treatment compliance."

"Most traffic fatalities are linked to motorists' behavior such as driving while impaired, speeding and not wearing seat belts. We know that the injuries and deaths caused by the traffic crashes are preventable," said Randy Romanski of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Safety. "The intensive supervision programs work to change behaviors and prevent situations where people drive drunk and injure or kill themselves or others."

Lacrosse played on the White House Lawn highlighting the *Let's Move!* in Indian Country initiative

Submitted by
Nedra Darling
US Dept. of Interior

The White House hosted its first-ever lacrosse clinic today on the South Lawn featuring some of the nation's best lacrosse players showcasing the health benefits of the nation's fastest growing sport to 100 youth as part of the First Lady's Let's Move! in Indian Country (LMIC) initiative.

The clinic, organized by the White House Office of Public Engagement and the Department of the Interior, brought players from the Iroquois Nationals Team, Major League Lacrosse, the National Lacrosse League, MetroLacrosse and representatives from New Balance to introduce local and Native American youth to the sport and its cultural traditions. The event also kicked off national commitments made between LMIC and major lacrosse leagues and equipment firms to expand Native youths' access to, and participation in the sport.

"The Iroquois Confederacy is well known for its cultural ties to lacrosse and the ceremonial roots involving healing," said Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Larry Echo Hawk. "It is wonderful to have Iroquois representatives demonstrate the continuity and diversity behind the secular sport of lacrosse and its sacred historical relationship to many American Indians."

Youth from the District of Columbia and Annapolis and Native youth from Baltimore's Native Lifelines, Menominee Nation and the

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians learned lacrosse skills as well as the sport's rich cultural traditions from members of the Onondaga Nation. Chefs from the National Museum of the American Indian also served healthy, traditional foods.

The game of lacrosse originated as a ceremonial American Indian healing game, often called the "Medicine Game," which valued creating a healthy and physically agile community. Today, the game has become the fastest growing sport in the United States, spawning professional, amateur, collegiate and high school leagues and creating many opportunities for boys and girls across the country to engage in rewarding physical activity.

The event was part of the White House Summer South Lawn Series that engages youth in outdoor activities and recreation. As a part of First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move! initiative, LMIC was launched on May 25th, 2011 to bring together federal agencies, communities, nonprofits, corporate partners and tribes to end the epidemic of childhood obesity in Indian Country within a generation. Native youth are more likely to suffer from childhood obesity and related diseases, such as type-2 diabetes, than any other race or ethnic group.

LMIC aims to support and advance the work that tribal leaders and community members are already doing to improve the health of American Indian and Alaska Native children by 1) creating a healthy start on

life, 2) developing healthy learning, 3) increasing access to healthy, affordable and traditional foods, 4) ensuring opportunities for physical activity.

Deputy Assistant to the President and Counselor to the Senior Advisor for Strategic Engagement Michael Strautmanis, White House Office of Public Engagement and Intergovernmental Affairs Associate Director Charlie Galbraith and White House Domestic Policy Council's Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs Kimberly Teehee were joined at the event by Interior's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Jodi Gillette, and Youth Office Director Julie Rodriguez. Professional lacrosse players included Brett Bucktooth and Jeremy Thompson, who are also members of the Iroquois Nationals team which is supported by Nike N7, and Danny Glading. Also participating was former Division I Collegiate athlete Jenny Collins.

Also taking part were NLL Commissioner George Daniel, MetroLacrosse CEO Emily Helm, representatives from New Balance, Iroquois traditional Lacrosse Stick Maker Alf Jacques, and Faithkeeper of the Turtle Clan of the Onondaga Nation (Iroquois Confederacy) Oren Lyons as well as Iroquois Confederacy Tadodaho Sid Hill. LMIC will work with these leagues and organizations, among others, to expand access to and participation in lacrosse programs, clinics, and camps. Below is a list commitments from professional lacrosse



Children participate in the first-ever lacrosse clinic on the South Lawn of the White House.

(DOI photo by Gary Garrison)

leagues and national organizations that will help us meet our goal of creating a healthier generation of Native youth who can continue to share the traditions of this game.

- Major League Lacrosse: The expansion team, the Charlotte Hounds, are committing to outreach with clinics in Native American communities in North Carolina.

- National Lacrosse League: The Minnesota Swarm is hosting camps and clinics for Native youth on the Fond du Lac and Prairie Island reservations and supporting the first all-Native youth box lacrosse team in Minnesota. Additionally, the NLL's Washington Stealth will be implementing similar programs with Tribes in the Pacific Northwest.

- MetroLacrosse: MetroLacrosse will continue servicing current communities

as well as working to link urban lacrosse programs around the country with Urban Indian Centers to introduce Native youth to the sport through leagues and programming.

- New Balance (NB): Main Supporter of MetroLacrosse and will continue supporting them in their outreach to underserved, urban communities. Additionally, NB donated 100

Let's Move! In Indian Country t-shirts to today's young participants.

- Nike N7: Supports the Iroquois National lacrosse team, as well as four VISTA volunteers who will work in native communities this summer to provide sports clinics and programming for Native youth.

To learn more about Let's Move! in Indian Country visit www.letsmove.gov/indiancountry.

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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Tasha King, Petitioner, v. Kric V. Pettibone, Respondent. Case : CS 11-43

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Kric V. Pettibone

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order.* *Id.*, § 2.6c.

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SUMMONS (First Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Kwik Trip, Petitioner, v. Terry L. Snake aka Lujan, Respondent.

Case : CG 11-068

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Terry L. Snake aka Lujan

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(Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

County of Washington & Jessica F. Thury, Petitioner, v. Brandon K. Owen, Respondent.

Case : CS 11-39

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Brandon K. Owen

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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

State of WI & Dawn J. Funmaker, Petitioner, v. Christopher C. Decorah Sr., Respondent.

Case : CS 11-38

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Christopher C. Decorah Sr.

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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

State of WI & Stephanie A. Shivaya, Petitioner, v. William T. Greendeer, Respondent.

Case : CS 11-42

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: William T. Greendeer

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order.* *Id.*, § 2.6c.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.


12th Annual Brown Family Reunion

Saturday & Sunday, August 13th & 14th
Blackhawk Park, DeSoto, WI.

Family – Food – Fun ~ Bring a dish to pass – meat provided
Auction – Horseshoes

Questions call

Fran Little Wolf – 715-253-3496 home 715-297-4239 cell
Lori Hindman – 715-814-1124 home 715-701-1669 cell



HCN INDIAN CORN

**DNR HAS PLANTED CORN FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS
TO TEND, MONITOR, AND HARVEST.**

All fields will be clearly marked with a sign and flagging tape.

-Baraboo ("Allen Property") ~4 acres

Located at E10701 Fern Dell Road
The property's driveway is to the south off Fern Dell Road,
about 0.16 miles west of the roundabout. The corn field
is about 0.45 miles south of Fern Dell Road.

Another access option is to park vehicle
at Giebel Court cul-de-sac, walk west to the field.

HCN Organic Gardening Cooperative also has planted Indian Corn near Tomah.
Contact Woodrow White, Department of Education for more information.

Check our Website!

www.ho-chunknation.com
Under Government/Executive
Heritage Preservation/DNR

We distributed nearly 45 packets of Indian Corn for personal use to Tribal Members!
Wishing you a successful growing season!
Questions? Contact HCN DNR @ 715-284-2852

CORN LOCATIONS

Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Natural Resources

BIOBLITZ

**Hap serec naga hahe serec waza ni ap nagre goisip hi aisja
wi kje ske.**

"Watching all living things all day and all night."

Become a citizen scientist and learn about plants, wildlife and insects. Get an opportunity to catch bugs, touch a salamander, handle a small field mouse and much more. Work alongside a language specialist to learn Ho-Chunk words for different plants and animals.

BIOBLITZ INFORMATION SESSION AND TRAINING

July 20th doors open at 6:20pm session concludes at 8:00pm
Black River Falls Veterans Affairs Building

OR

July 26th doors open at 4:45pm session concludes at 6:30pm.
Black River Falls Tribal Office Building

Attend one of the information sessions to learn about Ho-Chunk Nation DNR BioBlitz. Attendance is strongly encouraged for individuals interested in participating in the BioBlitz. Nature games will be played. Free stuff to be given away!
Snacks will be available!

BIOBLITZ FIELD DAYS

Save the date: August 2nd at Ho-Chunk Nation Parmenter Property

Save the date: August 3rd at Ho-Chunk Nation Leassum Ward Property

Limited space available. This program is free to Ho-Chunk Nation

ENROLLMENT & MATCH SPECIALIST

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the 7 Rivers Region is seeking a person with excellent interpersonal and leadership skills and a strong work ethic to develop a site based mentoring program in partnership with the Ho-Chunk Nation in Black River Falls, WI. Responsibilities will include recruiting and screening volunteer Big Brothers and Big Sisters, supporting ongoing matches and building community partnerships to obtain volunteers and other resources. Bachelor's degree in social services or related field required. Must have knowledge of the Ho-Chunk Nation culture, language and traditions, and be sensitive to the needs of Ho-Chunk students. Half-time position, work from home is possible. Starting salary is \$11.50 per hour. Position description available at www.7riversbbbs.org.

Please send resume and cover letter to: Executive Director, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the 7 Rivers Region, 1707 Main St., Suite 438, La Crosse, WI 54601 by 4:30 pm, July 22, 2011. Late applications will not be accepted.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the 7 Rivers Region is an equal opportunity employer.

HO-CHUNK NATION SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT DIVISION OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

2011 FAMILY WELLNESS RETREAT


REGISTRATION IS FULL
400 People Are Registered
THERE WILL BE NO ON-SITE
REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED

4th Year Tribute of Sportsman's Feature A Memorial Race to Honor Darus Pettibone

July 30, 2011
at La Crosse Motor Speedway

For the Sportsman's Feature Race Winner
1st Place Sportsman's Race winner will
receive \$1,000.00 cash and a larger trophy
this year.

Memorial T-shirts will be available.
**COME ONE, COME ALL AND
HELP SUPPORT THE FAMILY
TEAM 82 TEAM 87**



ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Committee on Tribal Enrollment has the following vacancy:

District 2 – Seat 1
Length of Term:
4 years from date of Legislative Appointment

Candidate must reside in the District at the time of selection until the term limit ends, unless a redistricting change supersedes a member from the redistricted district.

To qualify you must meet the following:

- Enrolled Ho-Chunk Tribal Member
- Be at least twenty-five (25 years of age)
- Never been convicted of a felony in any tribal, state or federal court and;
- Cannot be determined to be incompetent by a court of law.

All interested Tribal Members should attend the District Area Meeting. Members are selected by eligible voters of each District.

ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY CONTACT THE
OFFICE OF TRIBAL ENROLLMENT @
800-331-7824 OR 715-284-7824.

Joe Estebo Memorial golf tournament

Submitted by Carol Lastrup

The Joe Estebo Memorial golf tournament was held on Sunday, 6/19/11, Father's Day, and we had a pretty good turnout even though there were other events occurring that weekend. The weather looked pretty "iffy" when we woke up Sunday morning but it actually turned out to be a nice cool day to golf. We appreciate all the people who came out to remember our son and enjoy the day at Trapper's Turn, Wisconsin Dells!

Trapper's Turn hosted our event and made everyone feel welcome. The box lunches that were provided were delicious and actually delivered to each team out on the golf course.

We had eleven (11) 4-man teams and three (3) junior golfers. There were fifteen (15) hole sponsors and your sponsorship was so appreciated; the hole prizes were enjoyed by many teams because of your generosity.

The first place team consisted of Francis Decorah, Tom Myher, Garrett Blackdeer, and Dawn Wagner! We thought it was very appropriate that Francis Decorah, Joe Estebo's jagii, was on the winning team.

The second place team was Maynard Funmaker, Kerry Funmaker, Carole Lastrup (Joe's mom), and David Bryan. Every team received money prizes and we thank the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature for their generous support of the H.A.G.A. tournaments!

Special thanks go to Karl Lastrup, Marty Ybarra, Chris Estebo, and Pepper Estebo for their time spent in getting the event planned, doing all the paperwork, and their support of this yearly event! We are already beginning plans for next year's event which we expect to be the traditional scramble format. So enjoy the remaining H.A.G.A. tournaments coming up this summer and fall! And, pinigigi again, to all our friends and relatives who supported this tournament.



Whitetail Crossing C-Stores announce summer promotion winners

Grand prize of two Yamaha Bikes given to Kelly Funmaker of Black River Falls

John Kozlowski
Staff Writer

From June 5-19, patrons at the Nation's five Whitetail Convenience Stores; located in Baraboo, Black River Falls, Nekoosa, Tomah and Wittenberg were invited to participate in a promotion centered on the Nation's new line of Da-xu Coffee. All customers were encouraged to fill out a sheet that made them eligible for a number of prizes, including the Grand Prize, a pair of C3 Yamaha Bikes.

Thousands of customers put their names into boxes at each location. Promotion winners were drawn on June 24 and announced on June 27.

Winner of the Yamaha Bikes was Kelly Jo

Funmaker of Black River Falls. An employee in the Nation's Office of President, Kelly's initial reaction was "I've never won anything. I'm very surprised." She added that she is undecided about what to do with the bikes, valued at about \$2,000 a piece.

In addition to the Grand Prize, three winners were selected at each of the five C-store locations. First place prize winners were awarded a mattress set, coffee maker, mugs and coffee. The second place prizes were a cooler, Badger tickets, waterpark tickets and samples of the Nation's bottled water, Ni Sini. Third place prizes were a Ho-Chunk basket and gas gift cards.



Grand Prize winner of the Whitetail Crossing C-Stores annual promotion was Kelly Funmaker of Black River Falls.

Happy Belated 9th Birthday

Ranae Ethelene Kassanavoid

Love you a whole bunch!!!

Love: Gaga Anna, Mom, Dad, Shaila, Jennie, Leora, Tega Dale, Auntie Angelica and cousin Isabella



Happy Birthday to Moses Alvarez! "Caxsepinekiga"
July 5th

Moses,

I am so proud of the young gentleman you have become! I cannot thank you enough for helping me raise your little sister and being the "lil man of the house" while Papi was in Iraq (not just once, but twice!) Not only did you help us keep it together but you still managed to accomplish all that you did in school. We will miss you when you're away at college, but we know that you will make us proud! Keep your faith strong, and know that God has a plan for everything!

Love, Mom (& Maura)

Class of 2011
Congratulations on all of your accomplishments & good luck in college!

We love you!
From your whole family



HAPPY 3RD BIRTHDAY

Cruz Nacotee

Love Mom and Dad

Hocujne Haapra Gijjeske Nijcowj!

Happy Birthday Jolani Cecile

~Love from all your family~



CONGRATULATIONS!

Marcus Ball
for making the
2011 All-Star team
in the 13 & under league.
Marcus is an infielder
and pitcher for
Birnamwood



Teaching youth financial discipline

Sara L. Peterson
Staff Writer

On June 22, First Nations Community Financial hosted a Financial Frenzy at the Three Bears Lodge in Warrens, WI. The purpose of the frenzy was to give middle school and high school students' real life scenarios on how to manage their trust money received after high school graduation.

Wisconsin native, motivational speaker and a Top NFL Draft pick for the Chicago Bears, former Wisconsin Badger, Gabe Carimi, along with representatives from several businesses, was present for the afternoon in support of the cause. As he entered the conference room, Carimi took photos with the youth and adults and signed autographs. He later spoke to the students about being smart, staying in school, receiving a good education and learning how to handle their money properly.

Approximately 100 Ho-Chunk youth, ranging from ages 11-17, attended the

seminar. After listening to a few speakers, they were given \$140,000 in "play money." Before their training was complete, the students had to go through several steps before they could even think of spending money on toys, bling, cars, and trips around the world. One of the first payouts was in the amount of \$10,000 to the "tax lady", which many cringed at doing.

In order to feel real life scenarios, booths were set-up with different purchases available. Each youth had to purchase a car, car insurance, and had to invest \$10,000 in either CD's or with an investment company. They also had to buy a year's worth of food, and make purchases at the "mall". The purpose of the seminar wasn't to see who could save the most but to help them learn from their choices and how to be better able to deal with the amounts of money they will receive upon graduation.

After the spending spree fever was complete, many of the youth had a new

perspective on what to buy and what not to buy. One individual said, "Save your money... be cheap!" Another individual said, "Wait to have children until you are financially stable and responsible." And one of the best quotes was, "Finance instead of buying outright so you can build your credit."

For those that were unable to attend the seminar here are a few tips to help your child learn to become financially wise:

Make miniature managers. Let them manage money. Whatever system works for you is fine, but somehow kids need to have money in order to learn to be responsible with it. The key is to establish a situation where they're forced to make choices – without parental bailouts.

Save to spend. Their "auto-transfer account" may resemble a porcelain pig, but the philosophy is the same. They need to decide what they really want, then delay the purchase until they have the cash.

Discuss marketing. When kids buzz about the commercial they just saw, respond with, "Those advertisers really know what they're doing, don't they?" Candid conversations about the way marketing works will help introduce a discussion about financial responsibility.

Give up the power. When friends have something your kids really want, use this as a conversation-starter for how they will manage their money. "You really want one of those. How are you going to get it?" If it's truly a priority item,



Ho-Chunk youth begin to shop around with their big bucks!



Chicago Bears 2011 NFL draft pick, Gabe Carimi, signs autographs.

there are usually a few ways to save – birthday, Christmas, or extra chores to name a few. But when your kids realize simply wanting something won't make it land in their lap, it may magically become less important.

Financial discipline seems to be lacking in this country. It is a malady that has affected not only the young, old,

middle class income earners, but also everybody. And yet, like any other discipline, financial discipline is not hard as many may imagine. If cultivated at a very tender age, the road to financial discipline is not a thorny one. The Ho-Chunk has made a stand to educate Ho-Chunk youth with financial seminars and information.



Ho-Chunk students in attendance at the Financial Frenzy.

Niikuusra Community School students honored

Four 8th graders prepare to enter high school

John Kozlowski
Staff Writer

On June 29, following a dinner held at Ho-Chunk Gaming-Nekoosa, the Niikuusra Community School staff recognized the accomplishments of four students being promoted to high school this fall. The four students; Tya Ruiz, Justine Roy, Kaitlynn Dakota and Donovan Collins, are members of the first class to be promoted since the school opened in February 2009.

Co-sponsored by the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Nekoosa Public School District, Niikuusra, located within Alexander Middle School in Nekoosa, provides students an alternative, project based learning environment that emphasizes the Ho-Chunk culture and language. This past year, seven students in grades 5-8, attended the school all or part of the school year.

Noting that "tonight is about the four students," Lead Teacher Kristin Kania

explained that she believes each student satisfied their education and personal goals and are ready to move on. "It's a good time to come together and celebrate their work," she told friends and family gathered for the occasion.

Nekoosa Public School Superintendent, Wayne Johnson stated that he is honored to support the school and what it is trying to accomplish. He noted that he and other local school officials understand the importance of preserving a culture and a language, adding that some preliminary discussions have been held regarding creating a similar charter school for high school aged students.

After congratulating the students on their achievements, Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland stated that the partnership between the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Nekoosa School District could serve as a model

for different Ho-Chunk communities and school districts looking to start a project based learning school. As he encouraged the students to continue to learn more of their language and culture, the President reminded them that they are part of a unique culture. "There's only 7,000 Ho-Chunks in the whole world," he said. "It's up to us to see that our children learn to pass on our language and traditional ways."

Proud that all the students surpassed their original goal of learning 75 new words, Ho-Chunk Language Instructor, Ona Garvin thanked Curriculum Developer, Helene Lincoln for simplifying the Hocak Language and making it fun to learn. While many fluent speakers have now passed on, Garvin is confident that the new generation will continue to learn the language and pass it on to others. "You have that within yourself. You can succeed," she told them. In closing, she expressed a hope



Niikuusra Community School students who were promoted to the 8th Grade were: Clockwise from bottom left: Kaitlynn Dakota, Justine Roy, Donovan Collins and Tya Ruiz.

that all Ho-Chunk youth could have the opportunity to learn in a project based learning environment. "It's been a great year," she concluded. "A year of learning for the students and myself."

Following the students

being presented certificates that recognized their accomplishment, the staff and students shared stories from the past year to the delight of those attending.